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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: John M. Ray
Director of Logistics

SUBJECT: Pneumatic Tube System [REDACTED]

1. According to [REDACTED] we are now at a crossroads with regard to a decision on the tube system. The Backfill architectural and engineering firm has been given notice to proceed on the design of the first of four electric riser systems for a sum approaching \$200K. This first set of risers will support the Office of Imagery Analysis (OIA). The contract is based on the use of the tube system shafts and shaft rooms. If the tube system is to be retained, we must cancel the contract, redraft the statement of work, and renegotiate. Our best guess is that design costs for this first system, which would involve cutting new vertical shafts through the original building, will increase by at least \$100K, and that construction costs, which are now estimated to be in the vicinity of \$400K, could increase to \$600K to \$650K.

2. We are in a ticklish situation as it is with regard to completing this riser upgrade concurrent with the preparation of OIA's spaces. If we have to start over on the work plan and the fee negotiations for this riser system, OIA's entry into the building could slip another month, and we would definitely be unable to fund the construction with FY-88 dollars because the design will not be completed in time. Further delay on a decision to disable the tube system will have a similar impact. [REDACTED]

3. We have done some further research in an attempt to identify a way to ameliorate the near-term impact on the Directorate of Operations (DO) loss of the tube system. It appears to us that a solution may be available if the DO wishes to adopt it. [REDACTED]

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no illusions about the feasibility of a comprehensive quick fix for the problem. However, the people who know about ALLSTAR's capabilities believe that an interim electronic solution to the loss of the tube system, the use of AIM, is available to the DO for at least a semblance of cable coordination while the more advanced IMS system is being developed. [redacted]

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25X1 4. Please advise us concerning the decision on the future of the tube system.--Our "drop dead date" is 16 March 1988. [redacted]

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